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General budget contains no cuts, no extras

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

After two meetings and a lot of head-scratching, the Romulus City Council approved the 2007-08 general fund budget Monday night.

The \$23 million budget was adopted after some council members said it was the most difficult to balance in recent memory.

"I've been through the budget process 25 times, and I found this one to be the most difficult," said Councilman William Wadsworth. "It's getting more difficult each year."

Councilman Leroy Burcroff

voiced his opinion of the budget process at the May 7 meeting.

"We're having to be more creative," he said. "The goal is to provide most value for the tax dollar. Beyond this year, I hope we don't have to make any cuts (in personnel)."

This year, the budget includes no cuts for personnel or services, though few areas were able to expand their offerings. Mayor Alan Lambert said it's been tough going for municipalities in this day of regular state revenue cuts.

"This was a tough process to go through, and I'd like to thank the administration and the

council for working with us on this."

The main expenditures are police, which will cost slightly more than \$9 million; fire protection, which will cost \$2.3 million; building and grounds, which will cost \$4.2 million; and building services, which will cost \$1.2 million.

Main sources of income for the city include property taxes, which generate \$10 million; governmental revenue, which constitutes \$5.5 million, services charges, which generate \$1.7 million, and fines and forfeitures, which raise \$2.1 million.

The city did have to dip into

the fund balance to make the budget work.

Debra Hoffman, the city financial director, said about \$1.2 million was transferred from the city fund balance.

"The reason we had to take money out is because we had reductions in revenues, and our taxes were rolled back under the Headlee Amendment," she said. "We also had significant cost increases for health insurance and retiree health insurance."

The projection for the fund balance at the end of 2007-08 is about \$967,000, Hoffman said.

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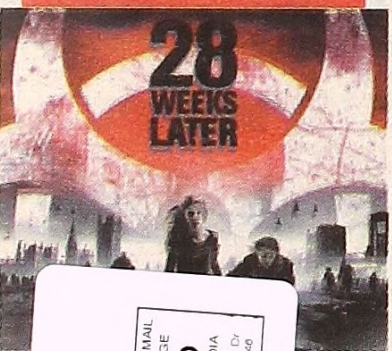
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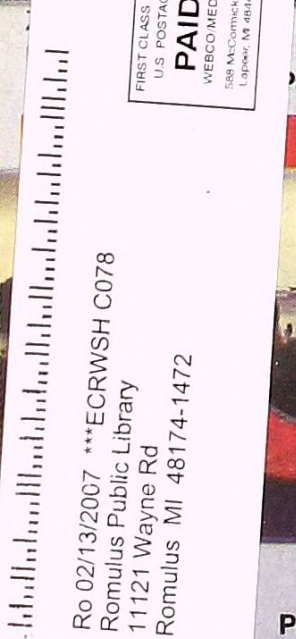
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Karen Powell, a teacher at Community High School in Romulus, poses against a backdrop of artwork in her classroom.

Teacher's dedication gets notice

Renee White
Staff Writer

Surrounded by students in her colorful classroom, it is easy to see why Karen Powell was named 2007 Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO).

Powell, a science teacher at Romulus Community High School, said she truly cares about the students and genuinely wants them to succeed – in the classroom, and in life.

"Every student has a right to learn," she said. "Our job is to make sure every student is successful."

An Ohio native, Powell's path to becoming a teacher started at Eastern Michigan University, where she majored in secondary education and earth science. She spent one year teach-

ing at a traditional high school in Virginia before she started at Romulus Community High School five years ago after her college friend, Charles TenBroeck, told her about an opening at an alternative high school in Romulus, where he taught.

"He had all these positive things to say about it," Powell said.

TenBroeck changed Powell's opinion about alternative high schools and encouraged her to apply for a new position in the science department. She's been there ever since.

Powell said she likes teaching at an alternative high school because it allows her to think outside the box and deviate from the set curriculum. It is clear she also loves interacting with the students.

"[They] tend to come here

with a poor opinion of education," she said. "It's great to change their mind."

"It's not just about curriculum," she said, adding that there is a special bond between students and teachers at the school, because "they need us a little bit more."

Students are sent to the alternative school for a variety of reasons, including behavior problems, low grades and attendance. Many of the students are parents, too. The school day is later than a traditional school day—classes start at 9:55 a.m. and end at 4:45 p.m. to accommodate young parents who need to put their children in day care and students who work night shifts. Enrollment is about 275 students.

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10 teachers will lose positions

Tanya Wildt
Staff Writer

Ten Romulus teachers will be laid off before the 2007-2008 school year in an attempt to reduce district spending by approximately \$2.3 million.

Romulus school board members approved spending reduction recommendations, including laying off teachers, by a 4-1 vote at their meeting Monday.

"It's prudent for us to plan for the worst case scenario," Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss said at the meeting.

The 10 teachers with the lowest seniority in the district will be issued lay-off notices. Those being laid off will be notified in writing at least 60 days prior to the start of the next school year.

Weiss made note that the decision is not personal or a performance reflection. He added that sometimes teachers with the lowest seniority are the best.

"It breaks my heart," Weiss said. "Nobody likes to see teachers laid off."

Trustee Thomas Kuderik was the only board member to vote against the spending reductions.

"I don't like them," Kuderik said. "There were some areas on there that I feel personally would hurt the district." He

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Area mourns loss of activist Cliff Johnson, 80

Scott Spielman
Editor

The greater Wayne community is mourning the death of Cliff Johnson, a long-time volunteer and political activist.

Mr. Johnson, co-founder of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club, died on May 10. He was 80 years old.

"We really saw the passing of a legend," said Stephen Becher, a member of the Democratic Club. "There will never be another Cliff."

"He was an institution here in Wayne—and quite a character," added District Court Judge Laura Mack.

Mr. Johnson was born and raised in Kentucky, where he rode a horse to school. He moved to the Detroit area in 1948, leaving a job at a power company that paid him 75 cents an hour, hoping for a better future. He landed an apprenticeship as a pipe fitter in Taylor, and stayed in that career for more than 40 years.

He was best known for his political activism and volunteerism. In 1976 he and current Judge Milt Mack, Jr. founded the Democratic Club and was very active in that arena.

Not known for his diplomacy, Mr. Johnson was more likely say what he thought—whether others liked it or not. Milt Mack called him the General Patton of local politics.

"Even if he was yelling at you to do something different, you knew deep down that he loved you," said Mack, who added that Mr. Johnson was well known

throughout Wayne County and beyond.

"I've known him for most of my life," said Westland Mayor Bill Wild. "He was always politically active. If there was a candidate or an issue he believed in, he would live, breathe and die with it 24 hours a day. He walked the streets. He knocked on doors; he put up signs."

"He was active right up until he couldn't do it any more," Wild added. "He was one of a kind."

"It's a great loss for the Democrats," said Wayne Mayor Pro Tem Pam Dobrowolski. "He was a very dedicated Democrat. That's what he gave his life to."

Mr. Johnson was active outside the political arena, too. He often volunteered for Meals on Wheels, delivering meals to homebound senior citizens.

That was just the tip of the iceberg, according to Becher.

"He was extremely generous," Becher said. "He'd give you the shirt off of his back. He always cared about the less fortunate."

"Many times, he would spend his own money—and he didn't really have a lot," Becher added. "He just thought other people needed it more."

"He always pushed people to do more to help," added Milt Mack. "He touched a lot of lives and helped a lot of people. He was one of a kind—I never knew anyone quite like Cliff."

In his leisure time, Mr. Johnson enjoyed going for drives, hunting and fishing. He would often talk of his cottage near Roscommon—recognizable by the 'Gore for President'



Cliff Johnson was recognized for his more than 20 years of community service several years ago.

bumper sticker pasted on the mailbox.

He is survived by his children, Estellene Johnson, Larry Johnson, Ann Fick, Mary (Robert) Zachow, Clifford (Mary) Johnson, Jr., Clarence (Ursa) Johnson and Rosemarie (Robert) Cardinal; his siblings: Sidney Johnson, Katherine Johnson and the late Demareus Johnson, along with 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Johnny Bell officiating.

"He really was one to stand up for the little guy," Becher said. "I think when people think back on Cliff, they'll see all the good he did. He'll be missed."

Senior fitness day marked tomorrow

Tomorrow, Westland senior citizens will take steps to preserve their health as part of National Senior Health and Fitness Day.

"It's really an awareness event so that seniors can come and have fun as they are being educated about fitness options," said Barbara Marcum, deputy director of the Westland Senior Resources Department.

According to Peggy Ellenwood, director of the Westland Senior Resources Department, the Friendship Center has participated in the event for more than a decade.

This year the walkers would use the pathway

located next to the Friendship Center.

There will also be a Health and Fitness Expo geared specifically for individuals at least 50 years old.

The event is expected to take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person and include lunch and a tee shirt. They can be purchased at the Friendship Center.

The Friendship Center is located at 1119 North Newburgh Road between Ford and Marquette. For more information, contact the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628.

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Judge hopes work program will make teens sweat

Tanya Wildt
Staff Writer

Some Romulus teens may be in for a shock this summer.

Dreams of long summer days rotting in front of a television or computer screen are over.

This summer Judge Brian A. Oakley and the 34th District Court Juvenile Justice Program are offering a Juvenile Work Force Program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 16.

Teens will be doing a community clean up, which includes activities such as working in the court garden, picking up trash and cleaning up community

parks.

"It's going to be outdoor physical activity," Oakley said. Christine Oswald said that teens should plan on getting a little sweaty.

After running a similar program with only adults, this will be the first year teens will also have an opportunity to give back with their own program.

Oakley's concern for the inactivity of teens and trouble that often arises during the summer, prompted him to create the program.

"Bottom line is, idle hands are the work of the devil," Oakley said. He hopes that through the program, teens will make better

use of their summer. They will be doing this by not only bettering the community, but themselves also. Two mentors have been hired by the court to supervise the teens, as well as provide guidance. Oakley's goal is that while the volunteers are giving back to the community, the mentors will be giving the teens positive messages.

Some messages Oakley wants to make sure teens get are the importance of making good choices and setting goals and completing them.

Oswald sees other benefits from the program as well.

"When you do community service, you usually build some self

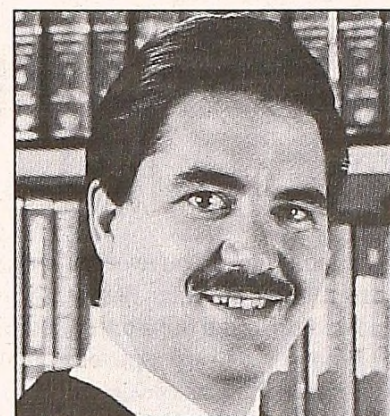
esteem," Oswald said.

Although the program will be full of benefits for teens, Oakley has a feeling it may not seem appealing.

"Kids probably won't want to do this," Oakley said. "I think the benefits are going to be more for the parents than for the kids."

He said that the program will take place in, most importantly, a safe environment. Teens will always be supervised and no dangerous tools or equipment will be used.

The Juvenile Work Force Program will be running from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. July 7 through Aug. 31, weather permitting, with room for 16 teens each day. Work



Judge Brian A. Oakley

times and days are flexible.

Contact Oswald at 734-941-4462 ext. 260 for more information.



College bound

Some Romulus High School students will receive a boost from an exceptionally generous Inkster man in their attempts to earn a college degree. Booker Dozier awarded several students a scholarship that will likely total \$500 at a meeting Monday. The students are (left to right): Jessica Mills, 18, Katrice Childs, 17, Amna Sheikh, 17, Aurielle McCauley, 18, Zachary Easterly, 18, Yezunde Emanuel, 17, Edwina Jackson, 17, Ravynne Gilmore, 17, and Bobbi Turner, 18. Mills, Sheikh, McCauley, Emanuel, and Jackson, are seniors at Romulus High.

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Councilman William Crova said the city is going to need to look in less obvious places to save money. One place to save money may be in offsite record storage, which costs the city \$15,000 annually. Crova proposed using the old kennel to house records, but building is going to be demolished and the land sold.

Council members talked about having a company computerize records, but that may

present another set of circumstances.

"It just costs a tremendous amount of money," she said. "Land records can't be disposed of. Paper is a tremendous problem."

Lambert said his biggest worry is that there isn't enough money to fix local streets.

"We've applied for every roads grant there is, but we've received nothing," he said. "Some of our roads are in need of repair as soon as possible, but there are few dollars to work with."

Lambert said a tax increase in the form of a Headlee over-

ride, which would require voter approval, is not in the cards.

"People are losing their jobs or their house right and left, and we can't ask for more money," he said.

Some residents were present May 4 to express concerns.

"I definitely want taxes lowered," said Zina Tate, a senior citizen with no children who said she pays for things that don't concern her. "Why don't they have a rate for me? I pay for everything."

The city is currently levying about 10 mills. The school district levies an additional millage.

Powell

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mark the first time the school has been recognized by the MAEO; the facility was named School of the Year in 2006.

One thing that sets it apart from other alternative high schools is the well-rounded education students receive, according to Powell. Students have the opportunity to play sports and join extracurricular activities as if they were in a traditional high school.

"It allows students to feel they're not losing out," she said.

In the past, Powell has been involved in Student Council, the Leadership Committee, and is currently on the NCA/School Improvement Team. She is already looking ahead to next year; she is planning a fundraiser called Hairathon.

"We'll see how many kids will grow their hair for Locks of Love," Powell, who has been growing her hair for a year, said.

Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss said that the board of education are thrilled that Powell

received this recognition.

"Karen does a terrific job at CHS and the award is well-deserved," Weiss said.

Bill Musham, director of the Mt. Pleasant Center where CHS is located, agreed.

"Her classroom is a place where everyone is somebody and respect is the norm," he said.

Powell said that receiving Outstanding Teacher of the Year was an honor and a surprise.

"Not only was I nominated, but I was chosen," she said. "We don't do what we do for recognition, but it is nice."

Bowling will help group meet peoples' needs

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Community Assistance Foundation, or CAF-5, is holding a bowling fundraiser to help people living in the five communities served by the 34th District Court who are in need.

The fundraiser will take place at 6 p.m. tomorrow, May 18. The cost is \$20 per person, and the proceeds will be used to help residents who need some assistance, said Karen Mida, the organizer of the event.

"We've helped people who've been displaced by fire or who have had other emergencies," she said. "We also

paid for some children to get eyeglasses - their parents either didn't have the money for them, or their insurance wouldn't cover them."

In addition to helping families in need, CAF5 currently supports a prescription drug program for public school children that covers the cost of prescription drugs for children in need when other efforts have been exhausted.

The \$20 donation pays for three games of bowling and entry into two mystery game jackpots. Pizza will be served.

Pre-registration is not required.

Anyone with questions can call Mida at (734) 635-1208.

Layoffs

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specifically mentioned cuts to the high school and custodial staff.

"I was pretty open about it," Kuderik said. "I told the superintendent ahead of time."

According to Weiss, the board looks at factors including last year's school numbers, next year's kindergarten sign ups, and the last few school years to determine where cuts need to be made.

"It's kind of fuzzy math," Weiss said.

One thing that may emerge from the haze of layoffs is a larger average classroom size. Weiss said that after working with principals, classes were rounded out. According to Kuderik, next year's class sizes will still be below contractual numbers.

Both pointed out that if enrollment increases, laid off teachers could be recalled.

Some citizens questioned why students do not have to pay for athletics, yet teachers are being laid off.

Weiss said that in the past, the community has not been in favor of implementing a pay to play program. He said that such

a program may be too expensive for some students to afford. Instead, the board worked with coaches and cut from sports budgets, including transportation.

According to Kuderik, the district still has not completely escaped a possible pay to play program.

"I would hate to see it, but if it comes down to it we may have to do it," Kuderik said.

Not all news was deflating at the meeting. Four items originally set to be cut were saved. Sixth and seventh hour class assignments will not be reduced, a secretary at the high school will not be fired, athletic stipends will not be cut and kindergarten aides will not be eliminated.

Weiss said that these items were initially identified as "high risk."

The reductions that were made will impact the students most of all.

"I'm concerned about the effect it's going to have on the kids," Danielle Funderburg, a school volunteer and mother of two elementary school students said.

Due to a lagging economy, according to Kuderik, there was no choice except to make cuts.

"We're just doing the best we can," Kuderik said.

OPINION

Minority rules Thanks to the few who voted

It looks like if you average out voter turnout for the school elections throughout western Wayne County, a whopping 10 percent of us showed up at the polls or mailed in an absentee ballot.

Who said a few people can't make a difference?

Election numbers varied by community, but they were pretty sad, overall.

They were the lowest in Westland, where only 4.56 percent of registered voters turned out—despite a contested election (an unusual occurrence at the school board level. In Belleville it rose to about 6.6 percent. Van Buren Township was the low 6.9 percent.

Northville Township was a big surprise. Only about 11.8 percent of the voters turned out there, even though the campaign was an active—for want of a better term—one and even though the district has seen its share of controversy in the previous years. About 13.1 percent took part in the election in Plymouth Township, 14 percent in the City of Northville. In the City of Wayne, about 1,450 of the registered voters approved Proposal 1, a 25-year tax to fix the roads.

City Plymouth voters were, on the whole, the most responsible with about 18.9 percent voting.

We'd like to offer our thanks to the scant few that took the time to weigh in on issues that will impact each and every one of us for the foreseeable future.

The rest of you should be ashamed. This is at a time where people stand in line for hours, if not days, in burgeoning democracies around the world to take part in the electoral process. Some of them, literally, risk their lives.

Not here. We get too busy.

It's hard to say why school board races don't gather that much attention. The positions themselves don't pay much—if anything—and the campaigns are generally pretty low-key and clean.

Yet schools are among the most important consideration when it comes to property values—it's one of the first thing prospective buyers look for when they ponder a home.

Perhaps more importantly, school boards have oversight on budgets that far exceed that of a typical municipality. It's a tremendous responsibility and an often thankless job.

It's also disheartening from a financial standpoint—it doesn't cost much more to put on an election with 1,000 votes cast than an election where 20 people show up.

Clearly, something needs to be done. Clerks have petitioned for changes that would allow younger residents the ability to cast a vote when they're away at college. That's a good start. They have also gone into the schools for vote drives to sign up young voters, too. That's another good idea.

Perhaps it's time to look at further election consolidations to get school board races on the ballot at the same time as other, higher profile elections. The knock against that has been that school board candidates might get lost on a ballot that also includes state-wide initiatives, gubernatorial candidates, state and federal legislators, county ballot measures or county officials.

It could translate into longer lines at the polls, too.

We say it's still worth investigating. There are plenty of opportunities to ease the process for absentee voters, which will cut down on lines.

It's hard to make an argument, too, that school issues would be lost on the ballot. If people realize they're important enough, they will seek out candidates and bond requests. Besides, would that be any better than being lost in a sea of apathy?

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A real activist remembered

When I first met Cliff Johnson he was giving me a piece of his mind.

It was at a Wayne City Council meeting about four or five years ago, and my hand was encircled by his gnarled knuckles as he told me the kinds of things I needed to do in town, how generally incompetent the council was and how he was "the only one that did anything in this town."

I was new to the beat then, and the community, and I looked down at this raspy-voiced man and immediately wondered what I had gotten myself into.

He and I had plenty of run-ins during my first year here; most of them involved me snatching my hand away and stomping off, grumbling under my breath. Sometimes I saw him coming and invented some urgent errand that took me in the other direction.

Needless to say I didn't like him very much.

Then I got to know him a little bit.

I gradually learned that, as cantankerous as he usually was, his heart was in the right place. I saw how he nearly visibly broke down whenever he mentioned the name of his deceased wife, Marie, and learned of a soul with two great loves—her and politics.

I've spoken to many people since he died last week and was again surprised at how many described him as generous. I never had a need for

that generosity but, after talking to all these people, I know it would have been there for me if I needed it. Sure, it might've come at the expense of some lecture about a column he disagreed with, but that came with the territory with Cliff.

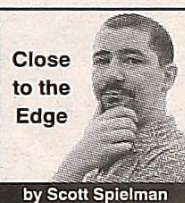
Cliff came from a different era. He was always one to put his family and friends first. He worked hard for what he had and appreciated it all the more for it. He was, I'm told, always willing to help out someone who for one reason or another couldn't work so hard or hadn't had even the modest amount of success he had enjoyed through his life.

I think that's why he would come across as so gruff and cranky. He was impatient for the rest of us because he saw the potential for good there and how little attention most of us give it. He pushed everyone to do more because he wanted to do more himself.

I write this now before I head to his viewing and funeral and I wonder what I will find. One of his friends talked about that very uncertainty on the part of his family: they didn't know how many people to plan for at the services.

"Wouldn't it be great," he said, "If a thousand people showed up?"

Yeah, it would be.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Knowing when to hold 'em

It's regarded today as a close call, but the accidental shooting Friday of two police officers in Inkster could have been much worse.

A week to the day after a memorial ceremony that commemorated the 20-year anniversary of the murders of three Inkster police officers in the line of duty, a frightening incident was broadcast over a news station: "Two Inkster police officers have been shot. We're following the story," the announcer said.

I already knew there had been a shooting in the city even though it was my day off. But I had no idea officers were injured until I heard the radio broadcast.

I changed my course and drove down Carlyle Street behind a WWJ-950 news van. We both turned onto Inkster Road and made our way to the police station, where we all found out that a press conference would take place shortly.

I was wondering how serious the officer's injuries were, and if they were among the faces I see at the station regularly.

There was a woman at the station house who screamed accusations about the police and gave

her phone number to the gaggle of reporters who had assembled. Her complaints were unrelated to the shooting. The assistant who manned the front desk looked bewildered about the woman's comments.

The shootings were the result of a freak accident during a raid that could not have been foreseen. And the patrolmen, Michael Takala and Anthony Javonovich, are at home recovering from their wounds.

Police officers in Inkster are exposed to everything that accompanies working in a community saddled with high crime: drugs, death, violence and politics, to name only a few.

They're underpaid, and have worked without a labor agreement for about 18 months. Many have worked astounding amounts of overtime to make up for the fact that the department has been undermanned by about 14 officers since 2003.

A plan to replace those officers has not emerged, and there's nothing that has occurred thus far to



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by Molly Tippen

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Tim Northrup, Paul Armstrong, teacher Mike Barnes, Hector Galvan, Flip Sullens and Kris Edwards worked on the 2005 Mustang.

Training wheels High school students transform car

The Belleville High School auto body students recently finished giving a face-lift to a 2005 Ford Mustang that was donated to the Career Center two years ago. Racing stripes were added to the vehicle in a competition between first, second, third and fourth hour classes.

"This project was an opportunity for the students to learn many of the techniques that they will use once they graduate and enter the work force," said teacher Mike Barnes. "Not only did the two teams learn sanding and painting techniques, but also

detail, layout, design and teamwork."

One of the challenges the students were faced with was matching the paint color perfectly to the original paint on the Mustang, which Barnes said is not as easy as it sounds.

The car was donated by the Mazda/Ford Auto Alliance Flat Rock Facility in 2005. It is not intended to be driven by the class, but is used to teach the students about current technology.

"All these kids did a fabulous job," said Barnes.



Justin Rister, Tyelon Yharbrough, Michael Norman, Eric Osak, Dontae Bell and Mike Barnes take a rest in the cosmetically restored 2005 Mustang.

Budget

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indicate that it's a priority for the either the city administration or the elected council.

The city has about \$1 million in the bank, so they can no longer say they can't afford to provide more officers.

Next year's budget is expected to be approved, and it's unclear whether a plan to finance more officers is included.

The public – those law-abiding people

trying to make a go of living in the city – wants more policing. Two stood up last week at the regular city council meeting to say they need more patrols.

I don't know if more officers would have helped on Friday. City officials have said both publicly and privately to me that Inkster residents deserve everything that people who live in other communities have.

Agreed. And that includes more police officers.

Officials are holding the cards to make that happen. They need to put their hand on the table.

a lack of participation from the public.

We're not sure if it will take a state-wide reform of the system, an increase in awareness about the issues and who's trying to solve them or just a plain old stern lecture on civic duty.

If it's the latter, consider yourself lectured. If it's more than that, then let's get to work.

Voters

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With advances in technology and convenience, and since most municipal clerks are passionate about increasing voter turnout, there's no reason whatsoever for

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All wet

Students jump right in to help test water quality of lake

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The overcast skies and possibility of rain didn't stop students from the eighth grade enrichment class at North Middle School from jumping into Belleville Lake.

As part of the Green Program at the Leslie Science Center in Ann Arbor, students were able to test the water quality of the lake to bring real-life content into the classroom, according to teacher Sara Higgins.

"We've been talking about this for several weeks in class and with the help of the science center and General Motors, students are able to apply their background knowledge to the actual testing," she said. "Afterwards, they can see what we can do to help out and fix the water."

Three stations were set up to test the quality, macro invertebrates and observation of the lake. Water quality was tested for vegetation cover, bank erosion, water odor, appearance and litter through different chemical tests. Macro invertebrates found were things like frogs, snails and other larva. Results were then verified later in the classroom, Higgins said.

The Green Program, which also teams-up with Earth Force, promotes improving the environment in the community. The idea is to get students out and empowered to make a difference, according to Amanda Lodge of the Leslie Science Center.

"It's exciting for them because it's a hands-on project to improve water quality and it gives them a strong voice," she said.



Erin Gallay of Earth Force helps the North Middle School students investigate the water quality of Belleville Lake.

"In the past, there was a lot of litter in the lake," said Erin Gallay, of Earth Force. "Students then took the steps to fix that by organizing a clean-up day at the park."

Samantha Collins and Nicole Garant, both 14, said they were surprised about how much fun and interesting the project was. "I learned a lot about testing the water," said Collins. "I thought

it was going to boring and the lake dirty, but it was actually really clean." "I think I'll come out again to help keep the lake that way," said Garant.

Third edition of 'Water Under the Bridge' will be published soon

The long-awaited third edition of "Water Under the Bridge: A History of Van Buren Township" by Cathy S. Horste and Diane F. Wilson will be published soon.

The book first appeared in 1977 and was researched and written in 1976 to mark the national Bicentennial. A second edition was published in 1980.

Topics in the book include township

settlers, churches, schools and cemeteries. It also has chapters on the pioneer village of Belleville, as well as the ghost-town communities of Rawsonville, Willow Run, Denton, Sheldon, Tyler Street, Otisville, Mt. Pleasant and French Landing.

The third edition of "Water Under the Bridge" will include a much-requested

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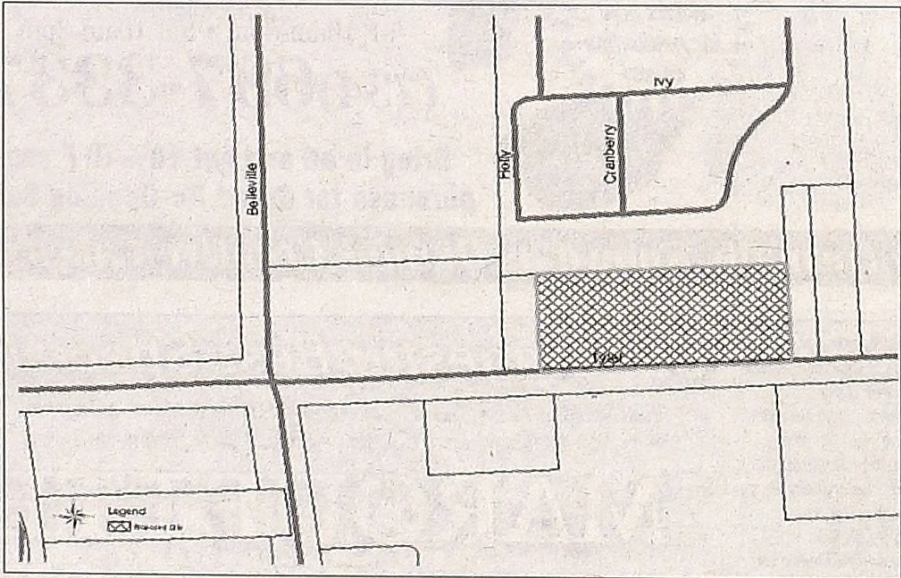
forms are available at the Belleville Area Museum, the Fred C. Fischer Library, township hall or Belleville City Hall. To order by mail, call Wilson at the museum at (734) 697-1944 or Horste at (734) 697-3662.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a conditional zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel ID number V125-83-039-99-0009-014 having approximately 3 acres proposed to be conditionally rezoned from R1-B Single Family Residential to C-1 General Business.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the north side of Tyler Road, east of Belleville Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of June 5, 2007.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: May 17, 2007
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TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the developer and property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as **Kirkridge Park Cooperative** Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: **Kirkridge Park Cooperative**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating **14** street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$6,713.54. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on **June 5, 2007**.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Township Clerk Joannie Payne
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

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THE SCENE

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer



Zombies make a strong political statement

It took five years to spawn the sequel to *28 Days Later*, one of the most politically charged and celebrated sci-fi horror thrillers since *Night of the Living Dead*.

It was well worth the wait.

Just because *28 Weeks Later* is, on the surface, a gory blood fest of a zombie romp doesn't mean there isn't more to it than meets the blood-stained eye—the sign that someone is infected with the Rage Virus that turns normal healthy people into crazed flesh-eating monsters. It is the same virus that annihilated the British Isles in the first installment, leaving the country nothing more than a ghost town.

Days, directed by Danny Boyle and written by Alex Garland, was a surprise and critically acclaimed cult hit that used zombies as tools, or weapons rather, to attack the frailty of modern civilization in 2002—a year after the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001 when fear still ran rampant through the streets of America and proving that nobody/no country is safe.

Weeks literally and figuratively feeds off of those fears while taking a stance on the ongoing political and physical warfare of today's ongoing situation.

Six months after Great Britain is obliterated by the virus and the infected have died from starvation, the United States Army, led by General Stone (Idris Elba), declares the war against the infected has been won—

“Mission Accomplished” if you will, although not cheered on from the deck of an aircraft carrier.

Seven months (28 weeks) later, U.S. troops are in place, have cleaned up a small corner of London and are ready to repopulate the safe sector of the city. As the first waves of refugees return to the city, a family is reunited but an eye-popping secret literally tears the family apart as the virus resurfaces.

The film opens with a handful of survivors living safeguarded and almost happily in a barricaded cottage in the countryside. Their lives are disturbed when a young survivor unknowingly leads a band of infected to their doorstep. Don (Robert Carlyle) watches his comrades, including his wife, get torn to shreds before he narrowly escapes.

He is one of the first to help reclaim London soil and sends for his children, Tammy (Imogen Poots) and Andy (Mackintosh Muggleton) who had been living in Spain ever since the first wave of infection hit. The two sneak off, like children often do, and end up in the unprotected regions of London in search their old house. There they discover Don's secret that accelerates events that bring the virus back to the “green sector” of the city.

When all hell breaks loose, U.S. forces, which are there to protect the returned inhabitants, go “Code Red,” meaning that everyone—even the uninfected—become targets.

The statement here made by Weeks director Juan Carlos Fresnadillo and writer Rowan Joffe is: confusion and disorder only creates more chaos with force intensifying the situation.

Not that that has anything to say about the current Iraq situation or anything.

Chief medical officer Scarlet (Rose Byrne) discovers that there is a new strand of the virus that doesn't show any symptoms. She and Sgt. Doyle (Jeremy Renner) escape the city with Tammy, Andy and the hope for a vaccine before it is fire-bombed by the American forces.

The outcome isn't very promising as the virus eventually escapes the Isles to mainland Europe, primarily France, as we see people or zombies (it's hard to say which) running toward the Eiffel Tower before the credits role. It is a bleak look at the possible future especially if the war on “terror” fails, which it does in the movie.

Weeks is ghastly at times and scary, not to mention disturbing, but it is never too gory or taken too far. The film also has a better story than its predecessor, *Days*, along with a stronger political view, making for a better film all around.

Where *Night of the Living Dead* explored the issues of its time—primarily racial ones—*28 Weeks Later* has a few principles they attack using similar “shock and awe” methods.

Comedy night in Wayne will benefit 3 community groups

Scott Spielman
Editor

Several groups in the City of Wayne are hoping a few yucks will turn into a few bucks.

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the Wheelfest Committee and the Wayne Stage Door are teaming up for a comedy night fundraiser on Friday.

The event is a fundraiser for all three organizations. They also joined forces to put on a

dueling piano show earlier this year that was very successful.

“We wanted to continue with the whole comedy theme and bring in some new ideas,” said Jill Gaudet, the marketing specialist for the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the show, which starts at 8 p.m. Two comedians will perform for 45-minute sets: Todd Paul and Chrissy Burns.

Burns gave a brief preview at

a recent Chamber luncheon, Gaudet said.

“She's hilarious.”

Both are regulars in Las Vegas.

After the comedians wrap up their show, Colleen Meyer and performers from the Actor's Community Theater (ACT) will lead a karaoke competition for the rest of the night. The audience will be more than welcome to take part, according to Hal Hultman, chair of the Wayne

Wheelfest Festival Committee.

“We thought that would be a good fit,” he said of the karaoke competition.

The fundraisers are designed to help programs like the adult and youth theater groups as well as the Wheelfest. Both face budget cuts due to shrinking city revenues and have looked toward fundraisers to help provide the same or better services.

Tickets are \$12 for the show. Tables of 10 may still be avail-

able for \$120. The event is geared toward those 21 and older and a cash bar will be open.

Tickets are available at the chamber office on Michigan Avenue just west of Second Street or at the Wayne Community Center at Howe and Annapolis.

Anyone interested can also call the chamber at (734) 721-0100 or the community center at (734) 721-7400.

Mentors aid young authors at college

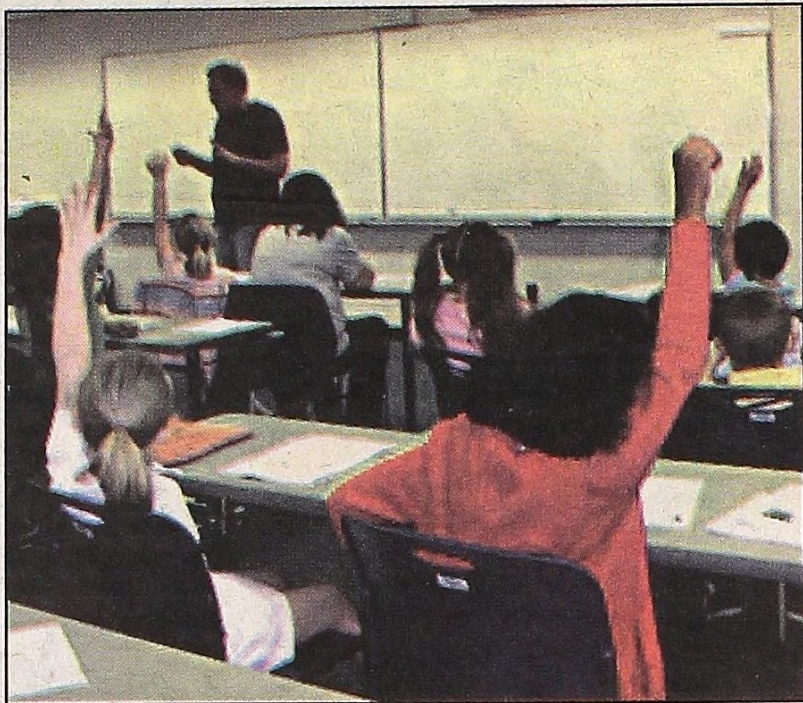
Ashley Dobos
Staff Writer

The Wayne County Community College Western Campus was taken by storm by young authors last week.

Aspiring writers from the Van Buren Public Schools attended a program at the college from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. May 10 to assist them in discovering their creative abilities. This was the 15th year for the popular program, which attracts students from both elementary and middle school classes. While some were newcomers, there were several in attendance who had been to the program before and knew just what to expect.

This year, Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools Pete Lazaroff was on hand to welcome the aspiring young authors to the college campus.

"I know this is an exciting day for the kids," said Lazaroff. "My daughter participated in it as a fifth grader, two years ago."



Ray Gross, director of instruction for the Van Buren Public School District, was also a guest speaker as a professional illustrator for the students who attended the event.

After the opening speech, the young authors were separated into two groups and they dispersed into the first of four sessions for the day.

The first session gave them an opportunity to participate with an established author, Cynthia Furlong-Reynolds. In the second, they joined a storyteller, Tonya Dallas, while in the third session, they interacted with a professional book illustrator, Ray Gross. In the fourth session the young authors were able to share their own stories with the other students and adults.

At each session, students were able to answer and ask questions and learn new things from the professionals in the various fields of expertise.

The event grows in popularity with the students each year, according to a spokesman.

Concert benefits Relay for Life

On May 25, Michael Carluccio will 'relive the hits' from 1-3 p.m. in concert at the Friendship Center in Westland.

Carluccio will take on the persona of a variety of well-known performers, including Dean Martin, Elvis, and Frank Sinatra while David James will sing a tribute to Neil Diamond. Admission, which is open to the public, is \$3 per person. Sponsored by Westland Mayor Bill Wild's Relay for Life team, proceeds from the event will benefit the Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

"For \$3 and a few hours of entertainment, it's a really nice reason to support a really worthy cause," said Barbara Marcum, deputy director of Westland Senior Resources.

For tickets or for more information, contact the Westland Senior Resources Department at (734) 722-7628. The Friendship Center is located at 1119 North Newburgh Road, just south of Ford Road.

WOW offers scholarships

The Women of Westland (WOW) are accepting applications for three \$1,000 Barbara Douglas Scholarships.

The scholarships, which will be awarded for undergraduate study, are available to women who live or work in Westland and who are at least 21 years old. Applicants will be judged on academic performance, educational goals, leadership, need, and must meet the age and residency requirements.

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Appointment policy concerns city council

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The appointment of Kerreen Conley to the city council in Belleville has prompted some concern among current council members that this may violate the policies they have in place concerning such appointments.

According to the policy, all boards, commissions and committees are subject to the stated policy, which is divided into two groups: A and B.

Group A includes the city council, the cemetery advisory committee, the Downtown Development Authority, the parks and recreation commission, the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals. Group B includes the board of canvassers, the board of review, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the city tree board and the election commission. It also states that no person shall be appointed simultaneously to more than one board in Group A. Conley is now a member of both the city council and the Downtown Development Authority.

City Manager Walter Mears said with the appointment of a member (Conley) of the development authority and the city council, there is currently a violation of the approved policy.

"The city attorney said that the development authority and city council positions are not in violation of each other legally, but

he indicated they are in contravention of the city board appointment policy," said Mears.

Mayor Fielder added that the policy clearly states that this is something the city should not do.

Councilwoman Lori Hecksel said she believes in the current policy and doesn't want to change it.

"It was written to provide greater good in the community and get more community voices," she said. "It's not that I

want (Kerreen) Conley off the development authority, but I believe in this policy."

Councilmember George Chedraue, who helped draft the policy, said there is not a problem.

"Boards are boards and council is council; there is a difference," he said. "The Downtown Development Authority and the council are two different things."

Hecksel said the reason the city council wrote the policy in the first place was to gain greater participation. Legally, everyone could serve on the development authority, but the policy was for diversity. It's not about legality, she said, it's about believing in the policy.

"I don't think it needs a change," said Hecksel. "I encourage more voices. If (Kerreen) Conley decides to run for council in November, I think being on both boards would be inappropriate."

City officials later decided to leave the appointment policy as is now.

I think being on both boards would be inappropriate.

Lori Heckzel

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SPORTS

Tamed Whalers 'wolf' down 1st OHL title in 12 years

Renee White
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers won their first Ontario Hockey League (OHL) Championship in 12 years Sunday night, beating the Wolves in Sudbury, 3-2 in overtime.

After a scoreless first period, Justin Donati got the scoring started for the Wolves early in the second. The Whalers answered in the third with power play goals from Tom Sestito and Sean O'Connor.

Sudbury's Nick Foligno tied the game with a power play goal from Jonathan D'Aversa and Donati with seven minutes remaining in regulation.

James Neal was the overtime hero, firing a shot past Sudbury goaltender Sebastian Dahm just three minutes into the extra frame. Brian Brophey and O'Connor assisted on the championship-winning goal.

Marc Staal, Sudbury's star defenseman and a New York Rangers prospect, received the Wayne Gretzky 99 Award as the playoff's MVP.

OHL Commissioner David Branch presented Whalers captain Steve Ward with the J. Ross Robertson Cup.

The best-of-seven series was tied 2-2 going into game 5 in Plymouth on Friday, the turning point of the series. The Whalers won, 4-3, in overtime.

Dan Collins scored the game-winner for Plymouth, a wrap-around goal from Ryan McGinnis. Jared Boll, Chris

Terry and Brophey also scored for Plymouth on Friday. Sudbury's goals came from Nick Foligno, Patrik Lusnak and Donati.

The Whalers had an unbelievable 81 shots on goal Friday night and Dahm was stunning in net for the Wolves—he stopped 77 of them.

Whalers Head Coach Mike Vellucci said that the team worked very hard on Friday and he was glad his players were able to tough out a win.

"I thought we played really well," Vellucci said. "You get a little nervous when you outshoot a team that badly and the score is still tied. We sat back and we kept our composure."

Mike Foligno, head coach of the Sudbury Wolves and a former Detroit Red Wing, was visibly disappointed after the loss on Friday.

"I thought one of our teams would have our backs up against a wall," he said. "I just didn't think it would be us."

Next up for the Whalers is the MasterCard Memorial Cup Tournament, which starts tomorrow in Vancouver and ends on May 27. The Memorial Cup is given each year to the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) Champion. Four teams compete in the tournament: the host city, which is different every year; the Western Hockey League (WHL) Champion, the Quebec Major Junior League (QMJHL) Champion, and the OHL Champion.

The Whalers will represent



James Neal makes a move against Sudbury's Marc Staal last week. Neal scored the Game 6 and series winner in overtime at Sudbury on Sunday. It was the Whalers first OHL championship in 12 years.

Photo by Jeff Novak

the OHL, the Lewiston MAINEiacs will represent the QMJHL, the Medicine Hat Tigers will represent the WHL and the Vancouver Giants of the WHL will participate as the host team. The four teams will play in a round-robin format before the tie-breaker, semi-final and final games.

The last time the OHL Champion has gone on to win the Memorial Cup was in 2005, when the London Knights defeated the Rimouski Oceanic. Corey Perry, currently playing on the NHL's Anaheim Ducks, was named playoff MVP in the tournament and young NHL star Sidney Crosby was a member of the Oceanic.

The Whalers have not won the OHL Championship and participated in the Memorial Cup since 1995, when they were known as the Detroit Jr. Red Wings.

The win on Sunday marked the second Robertson Trophy in the franchise's J. Ross 7-year history.



Plymouth's Tom Sestito tries to get the puck past Sudbury goalie Sebastian Dahm. Photo by Ken Garner



Whaler right-winger Joe McCann squeezes past two Sudbury defenders in the championship series that wrapped up on Sunday. Photo by Jeff Novak



Plymouth's Wes Cunningham pokes the puck away from Sudbury's Justin Donati. Photo by Jeff Novak

SPORTS

Windy City bound Belleville hoopster heads to Chicago

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Taylor Manley proved that good things can come in small packages.

It's late in the year to complete a National Letter of Intent, but the 5-foot-5 Belleville basketball star recently signed hers to play at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

The star scorer for the Lady Tigers had plenty of smaller Division II schools and junior colleges calling, but she wanted D-1.

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She admitted to a worrying a lot when the phone didn't ring with offers from bigger schools.

"A lot of worrying started to settle in," she said. "I was looking at a lot of other schools I knew I could get into but I knew for as hard as I worked I should be able to go to a D-I school—that's what I really wanted. When Illinois offered me something I was relieved."

At first it looked like she would head to the University of Michigan. Manley visited the sprawling Ann Arbor campus

and watched the team play. She even got down on the floor that—at the time—it looked like she would have a chance to play on. Then something happened. U-of-M decided to restructure its basketball program and dismissed the coaching staff—the same staff that was practically in the final stages of signing the 17-year-old Belleville player.

To say she was disappointed when the phone call came explaining the situation would be an understatement. She could only shake her head in disbelief and groan in frustration as she retold the events.

"She was dashed," said her mother, Carolyn. "You could tell that she was disappointed."

The bad news didn't dash Manley's dreams completely, though.

She got a call from an AAU team called the Detroit Suns that wanted her to play for them. She did and the team went to the national Deep South Tournament in North Carolina, where the coaches from the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC) sat in the bleachers waiting to find a hidden gem that would



Belleville guard Taylor Manley signs her National Letter of Intent to play basketball at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards (left) and her parents Rich and Carolyn join her in the Belleville gymnasium. Photo by Jeff Novak

round out their Class of 2007.

Manley was new to the Suns and didn't get much playing time but UIC coaches liked what they saw when she hit the floor.

"We are delighted to have uncovered a player of Taylor's caliber at this late juncture," said Lisa Rychbosch, head coach of the UIC women's team. "Taylor's ability to score, to push the basketball and to come up the floor and defend will allow us to continue to play a style that has

become the signature of the Flames in the Horizon League.

"She completes a very talented, competitive, hard working group of young women that will put the future of our program in very capable hands," Rychbosch added.

Rychbosch even called the University of Michigan to find out if Manley was the real deal. They confirmed and the deal was on, according to Manley's father, Rich Manley.

"I believe everything worked out for her," he said. "I believe in the Lord and that he worked everything out for her and that she can achieve her goals now. She works hard and knows how to transition that into different areas of her life."

"I'm so proud of her," added her mother. "I have this saying: nothing happens for accident. So I told her that she would get what

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 23, 2007
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro-Tem William Wadsworth.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth,

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer, CMFTA

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-108

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 9, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-109

3A. Motion by Burcroff supported by Crova to concur with the recommendations of the Building Department in accordance with Chapter 5 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, to proceed with the demolition of the structures and removal of all debris at the following locations as discussed at the Public Hearing held April 23, 2007, (*28425 Eureka, item #2 removed from list, demolition of the structure was completed by owner).

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|--------------------|---|
| 1. 6117 Carnegie | Accessory Structures |
| 2. *28425 Eureka | Two-Section Wood Frame Barn |
| 3. 8253 Farnum | Charred Remains of a Residential Structure & Garage |
| 4. 6580 Merriman | Residential Structure |
| 5. 6679 Merriman | Residential Structure & Garage |
| 6. 27504 Newcastle | Residential Structure, Garage & Accessory Structure |
| 7. 30105 Smith | Fire-Damaged Residential Structure & Garage |
| 8. 28001 Van Born | Commercial Structure (City Council asked Building Department to give owner reasonable time to complete repairs and to bring structure up to code. |
| 9. 37545 Van Born | Commercial Structure & Accessory Structures |

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-110

4A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of attorney, Kevin Watts, and proceed as directed in the settlement agreement with Landstar.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-111

4A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff and adopt a resolution in appreciation to Jerry Ladach on his retirement after 37 years of dedicated service as a City of Romulus Firefighter.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-112

4A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution congratulating Wick Elementary School for earning Michigan's Prestigious "Blue-Ribbon School" Designation for 2006-07.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-113

4A4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Thomas Janick Jr.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-114

4A5. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution congratulating Bishop Lovell Wooden and First Lady Elsie Wooden on their Pastoral Anniversary.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-115

5A1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the request of Maria

Lambert, Romulus Arts Commission/Council Chairperson, and authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages during the Pumpkin Festival Weekend, as a fundraiser for the Romulus Arts Commission/Council Scholarship program.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-116

5B1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Maria Lambert, DDA Director/Pumpkin Festival Co-Director to authorize a no-fee permit for all Pumpkin Festival and Parade of Lights activities during the Pumpkin Festival Weekend, September 14 - September 16, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-117

5B2. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the request of Maria Lambert, DDA Director/Pumpkin Festival Co-Director and authorize the closure of Goddard Road from Hunt to Romaine Streets and Shook Road from Bibbins Street to Goddard Road from 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2007 through 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-118

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of David Allison, Fire Chief to authorize the Romulus Fire Department to take surplus and/or obsolete equipment to a resale show for fire equipment on April 28, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-119

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director to authorize the emergency purchase of an 85 gallon hot water boiler for Fire Station #4 form Liberty Plumbing, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-120

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Tom Wilson, DPW Director to authorize the City of Romulus to extend the winter salt purchase bid with Detroit Salt at the MITN price of \$26.38 per ton for one year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-121

5F. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director, the City Engineer and Legal Counsel to rescind the bid award to L&H Plumbing for the Rouge VI-A Grant Footing Drain Disconnection Program (City Council Resolution #06-348, October 2, 2006) and award the bid for the Rouge VI-A Grant Footing Drain Disconnection Program to the only qualified bidder, Bidigare Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$152,646.40.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously,

07-122

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-26:

FUND DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	BUDGET
General Fund					
Expense					
	101-1410-714.77-30	Contracting Services	39,000	50,000	89,000
Fund Balance					
	101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	2,369,794	(50,000)	2,319,794

Additional monies needed to pay our delinquent personal property tax collector for increased revenues collected per his contract with the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-123

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve second reading and final approval of Budget Amendment 06/07-25, introduced at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 9, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-124

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to schedule a study session for Monday May 7, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., in the Romulus City Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the purpose of discussing the Detroit Water and Sewer Ordinance Resolution.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-125

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-08 in the total amount of Eight

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SPORTS

Manley

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she deserved. Two days after the tournament the (UIC) coaches called said that they were more than impressed with what they saw and got the ball rolling.”

Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards isn’t surprised with Manley’s accomplishment. He knew from the first time he met her—four years ago—that she was a player to behold.

“I think to when I first met her and ran her through some drills: I knew there was something special about her and I wanted to keep her on varsity as a freshman,” he said, standing near the same spot in the gym where he first met the talented Manley. “She has the will to win. She’s a quiet leader and a team player. Coming in as a freshman and playing with juniors and seniors she didn’t want to shoot. I told her that she better be a ball hog and if



Manley is a versatile offensive threat, averaging more than 21 points a game in her Belleville career, with strong defensive capabilities. File photo by Jeff Novak

somebody doesn’t like it they can go.

Although she averaged 21.5 points a game, she was far from being a ball hog in her four years as a varsity starter. Edwards said there were times he wished she would have shot the ball more rather than pass it off to teammates.

“She’s a complete package scorer,” he said. “I’ve never had that before. She can go inside, outside, pull a three and hit free throws. From a scoring standpoint, she is probably the best that I’ve seen.”

That’s a strong compliment, considering the transition to Belleville varsity wasn’t easy at first for Manley.

The sharp shooter got her start in basketball at the ripe age of six, playing with her brother and friends in Lexington, Kentucky. She played there through middle school but when she was ready for high school her father got transferred to Michigan through his job and the family moved to Belleville.

“It was very tough coming to Belleville because I didn’t know anybody,” Manley said. “I met one friend who was my teammate, Tia Lewis. It was tough coming in and the coach was yelling. I wasn’t use to it and it was really different for me.”

Despite the initial adversity her parents said that she still plays with the same excitement as she did when she first started playing.

“She still has the same enthusiasm and is just wonderful to watch,” her father said. “A lot of people condemn her for being only 5-5 and being a little short but until you see her play and really see what she can bring to the game I think she is exceptional.”

“She’s very quiet and shows who she really is when she gets on the court,” added her mother. “Basketball is her second nature. She is tenacious and just loves the game.”

She proved that love of the game when she had to write a paper in school about what would be the first thing she grabbed if

her house were to catch fire. She wrote she would grab her basketball shoes and ball. Maybe it’s not such a coincidence that she is now headed to Chicago to be a Flame.

The next transition of Manley’s life is coming quick. On May 24 she graduates from Belleville High School. On May 29 she starts classes and workouts at UIC.

“I liked how (UIC) had everything together and how they connect with one another on and off the court was cool,” Manley said. “The coaches are great. If I keep working hard I should have a chance to play right away.”

With five graduated Flames gone, that opportunity might come faster than she thinks.

The bottom line is she is just happy to be where she is. “I’m excited,” she said. “I’m excited to go to a big city like Chicago. I’m excited to play.”

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Hundred, Forty Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars and Twenty Six Cents (\$842,788.26).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth,
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate,
City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, City Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 23, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

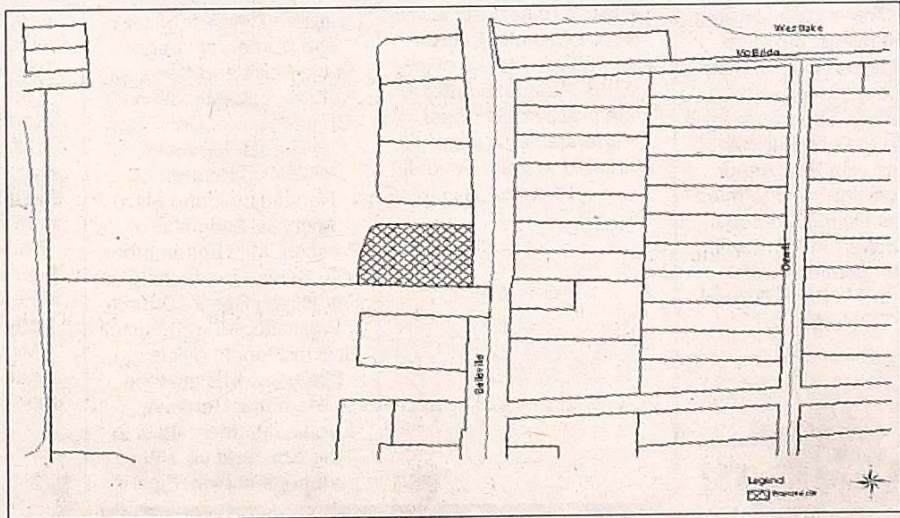
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board Of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

This is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-064-99-0003-714. This property is located on the west side of Belleville Road between the North I-94 Service Drive and Tyler Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for Drive-in restaurants per Section 12.03 (d) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., June 5, 2007, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: May 17, 2007
Publish: May 17, 2007

THE CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING

BID 06/07-26 2007 MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM BID 06/07-27 DPW WATER HYDRANTS & MAN HOLE COVERS

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids **must do so on forms provided by the City**. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us or on the City of Romulus Web Site, <http://www.romulusgov.com/index.asp?site=24&item=1441>

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO:

**BID #
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan, 48174**

(3) At approximately 3:15p.m. said bids shall be publicly opened and read

(4) The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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1. Obituaries



AUSTIN, "Mother" Lula, age 89, died April 16, 2007. She was preceded in death by her sons, Melvin, Harold, Michael and David. Lula leaves to cherish her memory, her husband Haret Austin, Sr.; sons, Herman Austin and Haret Austin, Jr.; daughters, Barbara Williams (Henry) and Brenda Flowers (Tyronne); brother Rudy Lewis of Greenville, MS; sister Charlie Mae Lee of Greenville, MS; and many loving grandchildren and a host of relatives.

Services were held at Pentecostal Church of God in Christ with Bishop Isaac King officiating. Interment was at Westland Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



CHELLISH, Willa Mae, age 84, died May 3, 2007. She leaves to cherish her memory, her oldest sibling Pearl; granddaughter, Elaine; grandson, Jerome Jr.; two step-daughters, Yvonne and Juanita; great grandchildren, Pierre, Treemayne, Jerome III, Kenyatta, Jazmine, Jessica and Crystal plus many nieces and nephews. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Willis officiating. Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park, Warren MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



EVANS, Pleas, age 68, died April 26, 2007. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Bessie Mae Evans; daughter Helen (Dominique) Ejarque; two granddaughters, Chilora and Victoria Ejarque; two brothers, Henry (Sarah) and Maurice (Jackie), both of Detroit, MI; six sisters, Rosetta, Maggie Gater, Doris, and Annie Evans, all

of Detroit, MI, Bernice Tubbs of Tuscaloosa, AL, and Ruth Gater of Greensboro, AL; one aunt, Savannah Norfleet of Greensboro, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; a special friend, Gloria Barnes of Romulus, MI, and other relatives and friends. Services were held at the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



FLOUNORY, Sandra Christine, age 58, died April 16, 2007. In death she will be reunited with her father, William Aaron Forbes; her mother, Juanita Louise Forbes; and two older brothers, Eddie Brent Forbes and William Columbus Forbes. She leaves to mourn her transition her "man-child" Cedric Alan Flounory, Jr. (Marlene); her "woman-child" Cheri Ann Flounory (fiancé Daryl McMillian); three brothers, Aaron Forbes, James Forbes (Jessie) and Andrew Forbes (Frances); two sisters, Juanita Campbell (Richard) and Maggie Brown; five grandchildren, Felicia, Tyler, Alicia, Jakobe and Darel; her best friend of thirty years, Nancy Peterman; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends. Funeral services were held at Holy Family Catholic Church with Fr. Gary Morelli officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



FREEMAN, Juanita, age 81, died April 18, 2007. She leaves behind her loving husband Robert; a devoted son Ronald and Margie Jones; five grandchildren, Stephanie (Bernard) Williams, Erick Jones, Nichelle Hatcher and Kevin Buckner; four great grandchildren, Kenneth Williams, Jasmine Freeman, Ashleigh and Asha; one brother, Davis Ford; two sisters, Laurice (Abrey) Moore and Frances Kincannon; two sisters-in-law, Haruko Ford and Barbara Ford, along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Juanita has joined her siblings, R.J. Ford, Bobby Gamble, Doris Williams, Walter Ford, James Ford; one grandson, Gregory Freeman and one great grandson, Devonte Freeman who preceded her on her next journey with the Lord. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

HOOT, Karen S. (Burnett), age 48 of Dearborn Heights, passed May 10, 2007. Beloved wife of Donald P. Dear mother of Gary (Becky) Plateau of Westland, MI, Russell (Maureen Corbin) Plateau of Westland, MI and Miss Krystine Plateau of Dearborn Heights. Sister of John Burnett of Oregon, Mark, Scott and Sean, all of Prescott, MI, Valerie Christenson of Dearborn Heights, MI, Anita (Richard) Baldwin of Romulus, MI and Ms. Michelle Anderson of Prescott, MI. Grandmother of 3. Services were held at Fair Haven Baptist Church in Westland, MI with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating. Interment was at Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI. Memorials to the organization of the donor's choice. Final

arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI.

JOHNSON, Clifford, age 80 of Wayne, died May 10, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Marie. Dear father of Estellene Johnson, Larry Johnson, Ann Fick, Mary (Robert) Zachow, Clifford (Mary) Johnson, Jr., Clarence (Ursa) Johnson and Rosemarie (Robert) Cardinal. Brother of Sidney Johnson, Katherine Johnson and the late Demarcus Johnson. Grandfather of 15, Great Grandfather of 10. Mr. Johnson started the Wayne Democratic Club in 1976 and delivered meals to shut-ins. He enjoyed helping people in need. He loved parties, loved to talk and enjoyed going to restaurants. When he was bored he just enjoyed going for a drive. When his health permitted, he loved hunting and fishing. Services were held Tuesday, May 15 at the UHT Funeral Home, Westland with the Reverend Johnny Bell officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock.



JONES, Kathryn M., age 88, died April 10, 2007. She is survived by two daughters, Brenda Parsons and Janet Johnson; two grandsons, Stephen (Mia) Parsons and Richard Johnson; three great grandchildren, Letory (Nate) Brooks, Marceda Johnson and Ellis Parsons; and four great-grandchildren, Deontae and Kiera Wilson and Kaila and Kiala Brooks and a host of cousins and friends. Funeral services were held at St. Clements Episcopal Church with Rev. Beverly Tasy officiating. Kathryn donated her body to the University of Michigan for science. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

MORRIS, James E., age 73 of Westland, died May 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Sharon. Dear father of Sherie Wells and Paula (Charlie) Duncan. Grandfather of Christina Decker, Jamie Wells and Brett (Diane) Wells. Great grandfather of Kaelee Decker, Christopher Decker and Avery Wells. Also survived by step grandchildren Samantha Duncan and Charlie Duncan III. Services were held at UHT Funeral Home, Westland, with Rev. Roger Stombaugh officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. The family requests that memorials be directed to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Building Fund. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.



ROLAND, Pauline Emma, age 77, died May 3, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Charles, Sr., Dear Mother of Alice Wright, Linda (Leroy) Nelson, Peggy Merlock, Billie Jean Sutton, Charles (Deborah), and the late Albert Lane. Sister of William, Robert and Arlene Wilkinson, Marilyn Humphreys, Beverly Loy and the late Mary Hummerding. Grandmother of 15, Great-Grandmother of 27 and Great-Great-Grandmother of 3. Services were held May 7, 2007 at UHT Funeral Home, Westland, with Rev. Charles Bishop officiating. Memorials would be appreciated to Full Gospel Christian Church in Taylor. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



ROOTS, Roosevelt Jr., Died April 21, 2007. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving daughter

Tryah of Columbus, S.C., and son Nathan of Big Rapids, MI.; his father Roosevelt Sr. and his mother Laura; his brothers, Glen and Gregory Roots; his sisters, Pamela Gibson and Patricia Swan; one sister-in-law, Jane Coker; ten aunts, five uncles, nine nieces, eight nephews, two special friends, Kymira Jones and Monica Mitchell, and many cousins and friends. Funeral services were held at New Christ Temple with Elder Harry Jones officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hill Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral home.



UPTHEGROVE, Michael Lamont, age 30, died April 17. Michael is survived by his mother Pamela Smith (Edward); grandmother, Mamie Tawwab; two sisters, Ter-Ri Upthegrove and Tanya Simpson (Kevin); three brothers, Maurice Upthegrove, Marcus Upthegrove and Va'Zhaun Johnson; one daughter and her mother, Nishayla Robertson and Nichelle Robertson; eight nieces and nephews, Maurice Jr. and Ashya Upthegrove, Marshall McCalep, Alacia Newbern, Keith Newbern, Jr., Kywrin Newbern, Kendall Newbern and Nicholas Williams; NaNita McMillan and her children Dionte, Nakita, Cierra and Charlie; special friends, Burt Ford, Mike Matthews, Pearl, Lonnie, Fontaine, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other relative and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Elder Walter Glenn Bradley, Jr. officiating. Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

2. In Memoriam



In Loving Memory
Talisha Chontel Turner
6/19/1987 - 5/11/2006

A year has passed since
you've been gone
It's still so hard
to carry on
Our hearts still ache
And the tears still flow
You were loved so much
I pray you know
Your death leaves a
heartache
No one can heal
Your love leaves a memory
No one can steal

We will forever Love &
miss you
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Christian Education (9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
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